Saturday, May Eighth, 1915.

Russian Woman Adopts a Unique Plan to LearnTrue Condition of the Men.

## . ONE ASKS ONLY A PAIR OF TROUSERS

DETROGRAD, Russia, May 1.—More than 300 letters from Russian soldiers have reached a promiment Petrograd woman in response to a note which she enclosed in a large number of hampers of food which she had expressed a desire to get some let-ters from the front which would show what the ordinary Russian soldier really thought, instead of the stercotyped letters of thanks with which typed letters of thanks with which the spldiers ordinarily acknowledge gifts from persons or higher social station. Accordingly she signed the notes which she enclosed with the names of her three maid servants, making it appear as if these young women had slipped the notes into the hampers surrentifiously. The receivers were asked to reply to these maid servants and to tell them how they were faring in the war.

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The plan worked well. Fifty of the replies are to be published in book form shortly. Several soldlers replied in verse. Several made love in pretty, fanciful style. Only one letter out of the whole number was offensive.

How a Cossack Leeks.

A Cossack sent the following pen picture of himself.

"I want to tell you what a Cossack looks like. He is not handsome, no, indeed! Yet he looks like an eagle, and whother the foe he ments be German er suntrian, he will best him like an eagle. A Cossack is small, but hrave. Small is the grain of gold, yet of great value, However hot the firing, he will not drop his gun, but will ride his hrave horse and arrive in time wherever he may be sent."

A scout tells of a recommalsance from which he has just returned, "the moon shiring as clear as if it were daylight and doing os much harm." He adds:

"Let my letter fly from the German land to the metropolitan town. I how to you, sister Kathaka. I am a hero from the River Don, fighting for our religion and our country. You and your friends letten to the holy bells calling the Christians to service. We here hear only the roar of the cannon and the rattle of the German machine guns.

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From Grenburg came a prettily worded appeal for a pair of trousers. "My dear friend Katia—I hasten to inform you that I am in good health and all is flourishing with me. I am well, and my horse is well, and for you I wish the same good health and accept my deep devotion and let me bow to you. Against my will, tears coursed down my cheeks as I read your letter. "I have a humble request to make of you I do not smoke. But, if such be your kindness, pray send me an old pair of riding trousers, of which I am very much in need. If you have a divine spark of love for the seldlers who are defending their country, do not refuse what I ask."

One of the letters in poetry is roughly translated as follows: "Greeting from all the here, soldlers! We shall end the war in glear For the Russian colors.
And through the streets of Berlin Shall march the Streets of Shall

## Will Take Germany 28 Years To Destroy All English Boats, Claim

London, Eng., May 2.—Somehody recently figured out that if the Germana continue their submatriae "blockade" of this country and succeed in sinking ships at the rate they have hitherto succeased, it will take them 23 years to destroy the British commercial marine even if England does not build any new ressels in the meabtime.

As a matter of fact England does not feel the effects of this "blockade" at all. There is not a single article of luxury that you cannot have in London, in most cases even cheaper than before the war, because the demand for luxuries has decreased while the supply has remained normal. We are also well supplied with all the ascessaries of life.

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Kaiser Uses Sister, the Queen of Greece, To Hold Nation Out

of Greece is passing many anxious mo-ments just now. She is the sister of emperor Wilhelm of Germany, and he is using her as one means to deter this country from entering the lists on the side of the allies. The queen has steadily refused to



mment on the emperor's telegram to the sentin plain tanguage, in which described the German successes both the western and castern fronts, and timed his conviction of the eventual topy of Germany and Austria, and ing. This will serve as a warning hy countries venturing to join Germany and analysis of Ervia, Long Firebrand by a memics.

## Two Big Wolves Frighten New Yorkers; Are Seen on Fifth Avenue At Night

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"Zeppelin Cold" Is Newest War Disease of Parisians

Paris, France May 8.—Zeppelin cold is the newest French disease. All Paris is sneeding and sulffing because of it. When one of the big German as bars comes here in the middle of the night on a raile everybody sets apsome through fear and the rest through and no one waits to dress sufficiently. Hussling gut of a warm bed, no one waits to dress sufficiently. The result is a fine crop of coughs, watery even, loudly blown noses and husky volves. The many of the principles of

Prince of Wales Fund Is Not Fairly Distributed, Is Claim

## COMMITTEE SAYS IT IS IMPOSED ON

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The criticism comes from two sides. The Wockers' National committee complains that \$7,000,000 has been apent in relieving dependents of soldiers and sailors and only \$1,000,0000 for the relief of civil distress, which the committee declares was the principal object of the fund. On the other hand, families of soldiers and sailors complain that there are unreasonable delays in making allowances and payments, and that the administrators of the fund have taken no notice of many cases of genuine distress.

The Workers' National committee, which is understood to have the backing of the Trades unions, has asked the executive committee of the fund for 'a full statement of receipts and expanditures, together with an explanation of the policy which has been pursued in the administration of the fund. In Glusgow a serious simulation has arisen through a notice streulated a few days ago by the local branch of the Relief and Executive committee, which is an explanation was taken against the when of the local committee, which had in good faith made promise to the soldiers' relatives which it was now unable to fulfill.

Committee Makes Defense.

The Glusgow secretary at the same time stated that this action was taken against the wish of the local committee, which had in good faith made promise to the soldiers' relatives which it was now unable to fulfill.

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The soldiers and allowances is not yet working smoothly. But this work was undertaken only to relieve the unprecedented strain which the war had imposed upon the army pay department and the committee hopes that before long the fund will be entirely relieved of this charge upon it.

## of Europe, Has Been Free 37 Years; Is Plague Spot

Washington, D. C., May S.—Servia, firebrand of southeastern Europe, the little Balkan bundle of contradictions whose people are farmers but subtle is diplomacy, whose temper is luxurious, but whose capital is spare, whose patriotism is inordinate, but whose mattonal existence is still in its swaled dling clothes, is the subject of a sympathetic study prepared by William Joseph Showalter for the National Geographic society.

Mr. Showalter surveys the historic, social and economic development of Servia, dealing understandingly with the fascinating romance of their "Great Servia" aspirations. Of Servia's present interest, of this country's sudden spring from obscurity full int the center of the stage of nations, the writer says:

"With an area no larger than the state of Maine and a population smaller than the city of New York, the little kingdom of Servia has played a role in the recent past the full magnitude of which cannot be recknowed until the end of time, alayhap it has changed the whole course of human instituty.

"Some years ago it was said of the

Prince of Wales "Makes Good" In War



Men Have Been Trained and Equipped.

## MAKES ITS OWN BIG CALIBER GUNS

R OME, Italy, May 8.—One very good reason why Italy has been

Invaders Were Driven Is Richest in Prussia.

## NOW IS IN RUINS; PEOPLE RETURNING

K OENIGSBERG, Prussia, May 8.—
One of the most difficult problems that the government of BERLIN, Germany, May 8.—The
structle of a great nation against
being starved into submission has entered the war is the state of East Pressia is trying to solve is to appropriate so the army last August. The war with Turkey had caused tree get the frontier districts of the provget the frontier districts of the prov-

In Year's Time 2,000,000 Land From Which Russian Fublic Meetings in Berlin Held to Warn Housewives Against Waste.

## PRICES OF FOOD RISING RAPIDLY

being starved into submission has left its unmistalsable mark upon Berlin life. It is the first thing a strawger arriving here notices.

Every American who has visitled Perlin knows the columns for the exhibition of posters which are one of the features of all the main thorough-fares of German cities.

These columns (Plakatsaulen) are speaking their own peculiarly eloquent though allent. Unixuage now. Cliganitic red posters rivaling in also and gorgeousness of color the municipal amnouncements about the distribution of bread lickeds, the warning to save kitchen waste, the sale of potatoes to the poor, call the people to attend meetings principally women's meetings, where the topic is the war of starwation. The headings are often very striking. Here is one: "German Clitaens! England centres to starve you to death! This must not happen!"

\*Scores of Meetings Nightly.

Every evening access of meetings are held all over Berlin, where the speak-

# As Price of Neutrality It Would Make Austro-Hun-

gary an Inland Empire.

## FIUME HUNGARY'S ONLY SEAPORT CITY

As the price of peace, July is reported to be expecting from Austria-Hungary the surrender of the dual monarchy's entire seacoast. These expectations are said to amount to demands as regarding Trent, Triest, Istria and Flume. In connection with showing the true significance of such demands how great is the payment demanded by italy for her continued neutrality, the National Geographic ciety has insued a statement dealing with Finms, the sole seaport of the kingdom of Hungary. The statement

Hungary's Only Scapart. "Austria-Hungary carries on its bust-ness with the outside world through its great ports, Triest and Flume. The uture of its overseas commerce is targely bound up with the development

ers are partly physicians, partly house-wives, experts on cooking, who instruct their sinters in preparing neurishing, tasty and economical dishes. This prop-agands is also being carried on through hundreds, hay thousends, of pamphiets and books. It is an entirely new literature propagated by the blockade of Germany and dealing with a new cultury art.

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The lack of potatoes, whether it be due to actual shortage or merely to spemulation, is undoubtedly one of the gravest questions facing the nation, for bread and potatoes are the main articles of food of about 19 per cent of the German people. This explains why the demand for state distribution of poratoes and the seizure of all potatoes in the country is growing stronger every day.

Prices Almost Prohibitive.

The present prices of pointees vary between 19 and 25 pfeurings a pound or nearly four times the normal price at this time of the year, a most serious thing for the poorer part of the population.

Practiculty all other articles of food